

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 data, a method comprising the steps of:

transmitting from the computer to the printing device the digital image data along with information indicative of a location of the digital image data in the computer;

making at the printing device the print based on the  
10 transmitted digital image data; and

adding at the printing device the transmitted information to the print.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the computer includes a file system with directory information, and wherein the information includes specific directory information related to the transmitted digital image data.

3. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
the computer is of a customer making an order the print  
of the digital image, the printing device makes the print  
in response to the order from the computer, and wherein  
the method further comprises a step of delivering the  
print to the customer.

4. A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein the digital image data and the information are transmitted from the computer to the printing device through a telecommunication system upon the order.

5. A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein the step of adding the information includes a step of encrypting the information, the information added to the print being the encrypted information.

6. A method in accordance with claim 5 further comprising the steps of:

transmitting from the computer to the printing device  
the encrypted information added to the delivered print;

35        decrypting the encrypted information at the printing  
device; and

transmitting from the printing device to the computer

the decrypted information,

whereby the customer with the decrypted information can easily locate the digital image data in the computer to make an order for a further print of the digital image.

5           7. A method in accordance with claim 1 further comprising:

          a step of storing a digital image data at a location of a first database in the computer;

          a step of recording in a second database in the  
10 computer a change in the location of the digital image data in the first data base;

          a step of designating the location of the digital image data in the first database;

          a step of consulting the second data base in response  
15 to the step of designating for knowing the current location of the digital image data in the first database; and

          a step of locating the digital image data in the first data base in response to the step of consulting, wherein  
20 the located digital image data and the current location of the digital image data are transmitted in the step of transmitting.

          8. A printing device for making a print of a digital image data comprising:

          a receiver that receives from an external device an  
25 order including information indicative of a location where the digital image data is stored;

          a printer that makes the print of the digital image based on the order; and

          an adder that adds the received information to the  
30 print.

          9. A printing device in accordance with claim 8, wherein the external device is provided with a storage that stores the digital image data, and wherein the order further includes the digital image data.

35           10. A printing device in accordance with claim 8, further comprising a storage that stores the digital image data.

11. A printing device for making a print of a digital image comprising:

a first receiver that receives from an external device an order including a digital image data and information  
5 indicative of a location where the digital image data is stored;

an encrypting unit for encrypting the information;

a printer that makes the print of the digital image data;

10 an adder that adds the encrypted information to the print;

a deliverer that delivers the ordered print;

a second receiver that receives a query with the encrypted information added to the delivered print;

15 a decrypting unit that decrypts the encrypted information in the query; and

a transmitter transmits to the external device the decrypted information, whereby

a further order from the external device through the first receiver is facilitated.  
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12. A computer of a customer for making an order a print of a digital image data comprising:

a storage for storing the digital image data;

an first output for transmitting to an external device  
25 an order including the digital image data and an information indicative of a location of the digital image data in the storage.

13. A computer in accordance with claim 12 further comprising:

30 an encrypting unit for encrypting the information; and

a second output for transmitting to the external device the encrypted information.

14. A method of managing digital data comprising:

35 a first step of storing a digital data at a location of a first database;

a second step of recording in a second database a

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change in the location of the digital data in the first data base;

a third step of designating the location of the digital data in the first database;

5           a fourth step of consulting the second data base in response to the third step for knowing the current location of the digital data in the first database; and

a fifth step of locating the digital data in the first data base in response to the fourth step.

10           15. A method according to claim 14 further comprising:

a sixth step of trying to locate the digital data in the first database in response to the third step; and

15       a seventh step of making the fourth and fifth steps effective when the sixth step fails to locate the digital data because of the change in the location in the first database, wherein the fourth and fifth steps are made ineffective when the sixth step is successful on the other hand.

16. A method for managing digital data in accordance  
20 with claim 15, wherein the digital data is digital image  
data.

17. A computer readable recording medium for storing a program for managing digital data to be used in a computer, the program comprising:

25       a first step of storing a digital data at a location  
of a first database;

a second step of recording in a second database a change in the location of the digital data in the first database;

30           a third step of designating the location of the  
digital data in the first database;

a fourth step of consulting the second data base in response to the third step for knowing the current location of the digital data in the first database;

35        a fifth step of locating the digital data in the first  
data base in response to the fourth step.

a sixth step of trying to locate the digital data in

the first database in response to the third step; and

a seventh step of making the fourth and fifth steps effective when the sixth step fails to locate the digital data because of the change in the location in the first database, wherein the fourth and fifth steps are made  
5 ineffective when the sixth step is successful on the other hand.